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District Court.

The case of John R. Smith against the Burlington for damages occasioned by overflow water resulted in favor of Mr. Smith, the jury returning a verdict for \$1100. The criminal case against Ervin O. Bode resulted in a verdict of guilty. After the Bode case was over Judge Raper adjourned court until sometime later, probably about October 15, when motions for a new trial in the Blieholder and Bode cases will be argued. The two judges are getting the docket cleared very rapidly and the probabilities are that the greater part of the cases will be disposed of in October. The Miles case will be tried sometime later as the pleadings and service will defer the hearing for a few weeks.

Gilligan Bridge Company Gets Contract.

The annual bridge contract was let by the county board on Wednesday and letting furnished plenty of amusement for the spectators. There were several companies bidding for the work but the Gilligan company was by far the lowest and was awarded the contract by a vote of 5 to 2. Mr. McCray who has been an unrelenting opponent to every Falls City institution made a hard fight to reject all bids and let the county build its own bridges. This experiment has been tried so many times with out success that the other members of the board excepting Stalder voted against it. The county has had no contract since July and as a result many localities are badly in need of bridges. The letting of this contract will prevent the danger of any more damage suits against the county because of defective bridges and the members of the board who resisted and defeated McCray's attempt to run the board to gratify his personal spite against this city are to be congratulated upon their action.

Salem Races.

The races at Salem will be held on the 10th, 11th and 12th of this month, which will be this coming Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Musical.

There will be a ten cent musical at the M. E. church this Friday evening and an excellent program will be rendered. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Badly Burned Hand.

Will Ruegge in attempting to light a fire in a heating stove Tuesday evening sustained a badly burned right hand. The stove was filled with rags saturated with oil in order to make them ignite easily. When Mr. Ruegge applied a lighted match an explosion took place which left the gentleman with a badly burned hand. He was fortunate in that his eye sight was not injured.

Mission Feast.

On Sunday October 7th, there will be a missionary meeting at the German Lutheran church southeast of Verdon. German sermons will be delivered by Rev. Ducker, of Johnson, Neb., and Rev. Mathewson, of Atchison, Kans. At 2:30 p. m. Rev. J. H. Stough, D. D., of the Western Theological seminary of Atchison, Kans., will deliver an address in English. All are cordially invited to all of these meetings.

Lost.

Gold watch and chatelaine pin. Engraved Francis Maddox. Return to Mrs. F. Farington.

Death Record.

Sophie Kinzi was born in Wuttenberg, Germany, on the 17th of May, in the year 1825. She lived at the place of her birth all of her childhood and until her marriage to J. O. Wirth. In the year 1850 they came to the United States and twenty-eight years ago they moved to this city. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wirth: L. Wirth, of this city; J. G. Wirth, of Chicago; and O. H. Wirth, of Omaha. Mr. Wirth and wife lived at their home here until the death of the husband some years ago. Since that time Mrs. Wirth has made her home with her son, L. Wirth of this city. For a long time she has not enjoyed good health and on Saturday Mrs. Sophie Wirth passed quietly from her earthly life, into that life of perfect peace. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bex on Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the St. Francis church in this city, burial taken charge of by Resterer & Son.

Grandmother Wirth was well known to Falls City people, each and every one of whom will miss her. She was always kind and patient with every one even in the hour of suffering, having a smile for all and being grateful for each kindly inquiry. The deceased was a member of the Catholic church and was a devout and sincere christian, taking her life's example from that of the lowly Nazarene, and at the end of four score years and one she crossed the rolling tide, confident of victory. One son, J. G. Wirth, of Chicago, was unable to come, but the other two were present at the last sad rites.

Charlotte Gladys, the little daughter of Dr. E. R. Mathers and wife of this city, died at 2:30 o'clock Thursday morning, of Cholera infantum. The little one would have been three years old the 14th of this month and was an especial favorite with all. She was of the age when one commences to listen for the few lisping sentences and enjoy the baby words. But the loving Father who watches over all and careth for all, sent the messenger for little Charlotte, "for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." No more will baby watch at the window for papas return; no more will the little head drop drowsily on mother's shoulder. The last good-night has been lisped and baby sleeps, indeed. Funeral services were held at the family residence at 10 o'clock this Friday morning.

As it is.

A Falls City young man, an employee in a store, sometimes walks twenty miles on a Sunday, through the woods and across the fields. He is sincerely enthusiastic about the rustic beauty of the country immediately surrounding Falls City, and well he may be. Have you ever looked across the Nebraska valley from the crest of the Missouri Pacific hill? If not you have missed a treat. I have seen it dozens of times during the past summer and while it never changes it is always changeful. Each time some new feature develops. Now it is in a soft blue haze and the distant horizon blends into the sky; again, on a clear day the woods along the river stands out distinctly as they nestle against the farther hills; today the grain is cut, and the yellow stubble fields lie in golden squares upon the lap of the green valley; tomorrow the hay stacks dot the fields like a checker board, and the solitary figure of a hunter tramps across the pasture. You can see for miles and a great peace falls upon you as you murmur to yourself, "All is well. Surely the world is good as well as beautiful, with such a crest."

Bode Convicted.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty last Saturday afternoon in the case of The State vs Bode. The case was put on trial Thursday evening but in as much as so many of the regular panel of jurors were disqualified because of having opinions it was found necessary to summon extra jurors from the body of the county. The state proved that the defendant was \$6,000 short in his city accounts, tracing a considerable portion of the money. It was also proved that the defendant had falsified his records, changing warrants from \$3.00 to \$103 as well as erasing and changing the amounts of money received from various sources. It was further proved that he had attempted to take credit for the payment of \$2450 in warrants that were paid by his predecessor in office C. F. Cain, several months before Mr. Bode became city treasurer. It was further proved that the defendant at various times confessed to George W. Holland, John Holt, T. J. Gist, P. H. Jussen, Warren Hutchings as well as several others that he was short in his accounts several thousand dollars. The case made by the state against him was so complete and conclusive that Mr. Bode did not take the witness stand, neither did his attorneys argue the case. The jury returned a verdict of guilty after deliberating about three hours, finding that he had embezzled \$6,600 from the city. The penalty is from one to twenty-one years in the penitentiary. A motion for a new trial will be argued and if the court overrules it the sentence will then be pronounced. The case for embezzling school funds is still pending.

Several rumors have been rife for sometime as to what has become of the several thousand dollars of the money taken and which has not been traced. Mr. Bode has stated several times that if he was punished some others would have to suffer also. Rumor connects two or three persons with the transaction and there seems a well defined suspicion that at least one or more other Falls City men have received the benefit of the plundered treasury. Those who were instrumental in the prosecution are now making efforts to discover all additional facts with regard to the unfortunate transaction in the hopes that all other interested parties, if there are any others, shall be made to suffer and return to the city what it is entitled to.

New Water System.

At the C. B. & Q. station in this city a very unique water system has been established. A four inch pipe has been laid from a branch nearby, to the large well just recently completed, and pipes also run from several smaller wells into this same large one, from where the water is pumped by a gasoline engine as it is needed.

Band Assured.

Through the earnest and untiring effort of Chief of police Beasley we are to have a band next year. Mrs. Beasley has secured very generous pledges from the business men and has now in sight five hundred eighty-five dollars and fifty cents. Mr. Beasley is entitled to the thanks of our people for his energy in this matter.

Married.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Heacock, in this city on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1906, at 8 o'clock p. m., occurred the wedding of Elizabeth Heacock to Ray Gould of Omaha.

At the appointed time the little flower girls, Catherine and Elizabeth Smiley, descended the stairway, making an aisle of white ribbon to a corner alcove of greens and flowers in the parlor. Following them was the wedding party, Kate Heacock, sister of the bride, accompanied her as maid of honor, and Clifford Leroy of Lincoln supported the groom.

The bride, a strikingly handsome brunette, who has been termed Falls City's "Gibson girl," wore an elaborate gown of white organdy and lace and carried a shower bouquet of white roses.

Kate Heacock was beautifully dressed in white chiffon and carried pink roses.

In the presence of immediate friends and relatives, Rev. Griffin, of the Presbyterian church, performed an impressive ceremony. After congratulations a buffet luncheon was served. Ethel Hutchins caught the bridal bouquet as it was thrown from the stairway. Mr. and Mrs. Gould eluded their young friends by driving to Verdon and boarding the train there. After a honeymoon spent in Denver and surrounding points, the happy couple will make their home in Omaha.

Mrs. Gould was one of Falls City's most popular young ladies, and rightfully so. She has lived here all her life except the four years spent in study at the state university. She has developed into one of the wholesome, refined, womanly women, who are among God's fairest and best creations.

The groom is a promising young business man of Omaha, having been associated with his father as a building contractor since completing a university course two years ago.

The many friends of the family extend sincere congratulations and best wishes to the young couple.

The out-of-town guests who attended the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Gould and the two Misses Gould of Omaha, parents and sisters of the groom; Mr. Hora and Clifford Leroy of Lincoln; Mrs. Smiley and two little daughters of St. Joseph; Mr. and Mrs. Will Easley of Kansas City; and Hal Sowles of St. Joseph.

On Wednesday afternoon at his study, Rev. Griffin performed the marriage ceremony for Miss Mable York and Mr. Charles Albee both of Hiawatha. The ceremony was a very simple but pretty one, only the necessary witnesses being present.

Mules Get in a Rush.

Tuesday morning the team of mules to the Prior dray wagon became frightened and took themselves down Main street in a hurry. The transfer wagon was loaded with apple barrels at the time and these were generously distributed along the way. Aside from this no other damage was sustained.

Resolutions of Respect.

The Falls City W. O. W. camp, No. 9, adopted resolutions of respect and condolence on account of the death of James Frank Davisson, a faithful and beloved member of our camp.

The W. O. W. lodge, camp No. 9, also extends a unanimous vote of thanks to the quartet which assisted so ably in the funeral ceremony of our deceased sovereign.

Society News.

Miss Alice Yoder very pleasantly entertained the Presbyterian Junior society on last Friday evening.

The members of the Presbyterian C. E. society enjoyed an extremely pleasant time the guests of Miss Margaret Steele last evening.

Sorosis met on Wednesday, September 26th, at the home of Mrs. Fast. A very pleasant and profitable program was given. The parliamentary drill prepared by Mrs. Steele was conducted by Mrs. Hargrave, Mrs. Steele being absent. The talk on Words was interesting and gave the club a glimpse of the practical side of writer's (Mrs. Heacock) nature. Mrs. Chas. Wilson was handicapped in regard to her paper, The Congressional Library, as she was unable to obtain the information sought. She gave what was obtainable, however, and showed several lithographs of the famous paintings which adorn the walls. The paper on, The novel of National Life and Manners, by Mrs. Maud Davies, evidenced research, while the style of presenting it was easy and attractive. The two musical numbers by Mrs. Gist were very enjoyable and appreciated by the club. Their next meeting will be on October 10 at Mrs. Steele's. The ladies will meet at the library at half past two o'clock, where a conveyance will be in waiting to take them out to Mrs. Steele's residence.

Fred Brecht and family, George Jennings and family, Fred Nettleback and wife, Mrs. Kate Rieger and Misses Nellie Gilman and Anna Zentner chartered a hack Sunday and drove to Fargo, for a days outing. They took their luncheon and stayed all day enjoying everything in picnic style.

A party of fifteen, chaperoned by Mrs. A. Allison drove out north of town in a hack Saturday morning and spent the day near Fargo, hunting hazel nuts.

The Misses Hutchings gave a Shower for Elizabeth Heacock Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Keeling entertained a number of friends at six o'clock dinner Saturday evening. It was a very elaborate affair and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Elva Sears entertained six of her young lady friends at a 6 o'clock dinner on Wednesday evening. The evening was pleasantly spent at cards.

Council Meeting.

The city council met on Monday with all members present with the exception of one. A License to operate a merry-go-round on the lots east of the Union House was granted to W. H. Sellers, the same not to be operated later than 10 o'clock with the exception of Saturday evening, when it will run until 11 o'clock. The engineer at the waterworks was authorized to start the morning run at 5:30, and he to receive \$15.00 extra per month. Claims to the amount of \$805.37 were audited and allowed as follows: Water fund \$332.92 and Electric Light fund \$472.45.

The petition of W. H. Kerr for a druggist permit to sell malt and spirituous liquors was granted and his bond approved. The bid of Maust Bros. to haul the city coal at thirty cents per year was accepted. Mayor Barrett recommended that \$550.00 be transferred from the Occupation fund to the Sinking fund. The same was adopted by the council. It then carried that the council adjourn to meet on Monday evening October 7th, for the further consideration of side-walks and water-works.

County Board Meets.

The county board has been in session this week and the time has been taken up in adjusting and allowing court claims and in letting the bridge contract. They will, in all probability, be at work the remainder of this week and then the amount of claims can be published.

"A Pair of Country Kids."

"A Pair of Country Kids" is not a Si. Hi or Josh play with a farmer band or a threshing machine, but is a distinct novelty and departure from the well worn path of the regulation farmer play. The kids are livelier than any ten Uncle Josh's you have ever seen and they are too bright to be worked by a bunco man or a lightning rod agent; in fact, they are two up-to-date rustlers for fun that will give you the best evening's amusement you have had in years. The kids will be assisted by a first-class company of ladies and gentlemen, who in addition to the play, will introduce ten musical numbers and specialties. The engagement is for one night only at the Gehling, Wednesday, Oct., 10th.

Nelle Weaver was down from Verdon Monday.

Graham Jones came down from Verdon Saturday.

W. H. Wylie of Nebraska City was in town Monday.

Chas. Hargrave and family were Hiawatha visitors Sunday.

Wm. Hinton spent Sunday with his brother John, in this city.

Bessie Bohrer was the guest of Hiawatha friends the past Sunday.

Will Gibson of Verdon was among the Saturday visitors in this city.

Maggie McMahan and Emiel Saal spent Sunday with his mother at Fargo.

J. W. Dowell came down from Salem Friday for a brief visit with friends.

I. C. Maust and wife attended the Priests of Pallas carnival at Kansas City this week.

J. W. Hellman on route 3 was a pleasant caller at this office the latter part of the past week.

C. M. Bohrer came up from Oberlin, Kansas and spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

John Mosiman and family spent Sunday the guests of Henry Pribbeno and wife near Fargo.

Henry and Fred Heineman of Verdon were attending to business affairs at this place Saturday.

Simon Davies and wife returned the first of the week from a visit with friends at Fremont, Nebr.

R. Shelly one of Preston's business men was here in a business way the latter part of the past week.

E. J. Simonds, Assistant State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., spent a few hours in this city last Friday.

Ephraim Withee and wife came down from Stella and spent Saturday with her parents, John Hossack and wife.

Mrs. Robert FitzGerald left Tuesday for Kansas City where her sister Mrs. Carrie Nesley is seriously ill at her home.

Mrs. Benj. Slagel was called to Monett, Missouri last Thursday evening by a message announcing the death of a brother.

W. A. Greenwald and wife returned Saturday from St. Joseph where they made a brief visit with friends and attended the Horse Show.